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UNITED STATES INTELLIGENCE BOARD

MEMORANDUM FOR THE UNITED STATES INTELLIGENCE BOARD

SUBJECT: Implementation of Certain NSC-Approved
Recommendations of Joint Study Group

1. On 9 May the United States Intelligence Board considered proposals with respect to implementation of certain of the NSC-approved recommendations of the Joint Study Group and took the following actions (USIB-M-154, items 8 and 9).

- a. Implementation of NSC-Approved
Recommendation re Review of
Plans and Programs of Intelligence
Community
(USIB-D-1.5/7, 27 April)

Admiral Post's memorandum (J2DM-155-61) of 5 May setting forth reasons for requesting a deferral of USIB consideration of USIB-D-1.5/7 at this time, and General Balmer's memorandum of 8 May recommending USIB approval of the proposal, were tabled at the meeting. After noting these memoranda the Board members expressed their views regarding the proposal, particularly with respect to the timing of any USIB action in the light of factors such as any forthcoming reorganization of military intelligence agencies, and the relation to established departmental budget cycles, as well as the interest of the Budget Bureau and other high authorities in moving ahead to implement this NSC-approved recommendation of the Joint Study Group. Following discussion the members agreed, as an interim measure, that Board agencies would provide the Coordination Staff with the data requested in Attachment C ("Narrative Information on Foreign Positive Intelligence") and Attachment

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D ("Narrative Information on Foreign Counterintelligence") by 15 June for review and subsequent submission to USIB around 1 July. Members agreed that the agencies should attempt to supply as complete data as they could under the circumstances. In this connection, the Board also noted certain changes to USIB-D-1. 5/7 tabled by the Joint Staff, and it was understood that these suggestions would be taken into consideration as appropriate, by the Coordination Staff in developing for Board review any future revision of USIB-D-1. 5/7.

b. Implementation of Recommendation
No. 38 of Joint Study Group Report
(USIB-D-1. 5/8, 4 May 1961)

After discussion with Mr. Saunders, particularly in the light of the Board action on the preceding item, the Board concurred in the views of the Cost Estimates Committee as set forth in USIB-D-1. 5/8.

In the course of the discussion General Balmer, in response to questions by members, emphasized that the Coordination Staff had been established pursuant to an NSC-approved Joint Study Group recommendation to operate under the personal supervision of the DCI and separate from any operational responsibility of the CIA or other department or agency. He noted that the NSC also had assigned the functions proposed for a USIB management group to the Coordination Staff.

The Chairman stated that, in order to proceed with implementing the various pertinent NSC directives, letters had been sent out formally requesting nominations for the Coordination Staff at this time of senior intelligence officers from Board agencies in addition to those already nominated by CIA, irrespective of the course of any subsequent re-organization of the military intelligence agencies. General Balmer also indicated that steps would be taken to bring the question of the terms of reference of the Coordination Staff before USIB again at an early date.

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2. Accordingly, USIB agencies are requested to take appropriate steps to comply with these Board actions.



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